

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 97-4-7**

Date Prepared: April 3, 1997  
For Work Week Commencing: April 7, 1997  
Business Meeting Date & Time: April 7, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Docket D96.2.22 - Discuss written comments received 4/2, prepare for stipulation presentation 4/11, other matters as necessary (4/8/97)
2. MDU Dockets D97.3.43 and D97.3.56 - Discuss recent MDU filings, for information, to discuss and act on MDU request for protective order relating to Spring 97 tracker, other matters as necessary (4/8/97)
3. EAS Docket D95.10.146 - Discuss USWC's EAS public info plan (due 4/7) (4/8/97)
4. Pipeline Safety Rules - Discuss and act on Administrative Code Committee staff continued disagreement with validity of two hour reporting rule (4/8/97)
5. AT&T 1+ IntraLATA Petition Rulemaking - Discuss procedure and get direction on how the Commission wants to proceed (4/8/97)

6. The Commission's continued discussion of Electric Industry Restructuring and various legislation pertaining to customer choice in electricity and natural gas industries (4/8/97)
7. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Legislative work session on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. GFG Docket D96.7.123 (Scott)

On June 19, 1996, GFG filed its annual gas cost tracker seeking authority to increase rates for natural gas service. On July 8, 1996, GFG filed a general rate application which also requested an increase in rates for natural gas service. The two dockets have been consolidated into this docket. A Final Order has been drafted and is ready for action.

2. CITIZENS TELECOM - Docket N97.3.47 (Kate)

On March 19, 1997, Citizens Telecom filed to introduce Rotary Line Service. Staff recommends approval.

3. BIG SKY TECH VS. USWC - Docket D97.3.51 (RobinM)

On March 26, 1997, Big Sky Technologies filed a formal complaint against USWC. Request Commission approval to issue a Notice of Complaint.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. WORLDCOM, INC. - Docket N97.3.53 (Vicki)

On March 28, 1997, WorldCom, Inc. filed revised tariff pages adjusting the peak and off-peak periods. Peak hours changed **from** 8:00 a.m. through 4:59 p.m. **to** 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday). The off-peak hours changed **from** 5:00 p.m. through 7:59 a.m. **to** 7:01 p.m. through 6:59 a.m. (Monday through Thursday and Friday night through Monday morning). This is strictly a text change.

2. ENERGY WEST - Docket D97.3.44 (Eric)

On March 14, 1997, EW filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell not more than 200,000 shares of stock related to its Dividend Reinvestment Plan; 200,000 shares of stock as part of its Incentive Stock Option Plan and 100,000 shares of stock associated with its Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors. This filing will be amended.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-4-14**

Docket N97.3.53      WORLDCOM, INC. (Vicki)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N97.3.52	Central Montana Communications - Revise Internet Services
N97.3.53	WorldCom, Inc. - Revisions to Online Calling Cards, Directory Assistance, Peak & Off-peak Periods, LEC Billed Measured Service, Operator Services, and Miscellaneous Textual Changes
D97.3.54	Yellowstone Pipe Line Co - Rate Increase
D97.3.55	MPC Electric Integrated Least Cost Resource Plan Status Report
D97.3.56	MDU - Gas Tracker
D97.4.57	Black Hills Power & Light QFRR
N97.4.58	Pacific Telecom, Inc. - Digitrex Plus